

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 18, 2008 and the Advisory Action of January 13, 2009 have been received and their contents carefully noted. By this amendment, claim 12 has been amended and claims 29-35 have been added for the Examiner's consideration. No claims have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 12, 15, 17-22, and 24-35 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 12, 29, and 35 are independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, mailed August 18, 2008, and respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited documents and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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